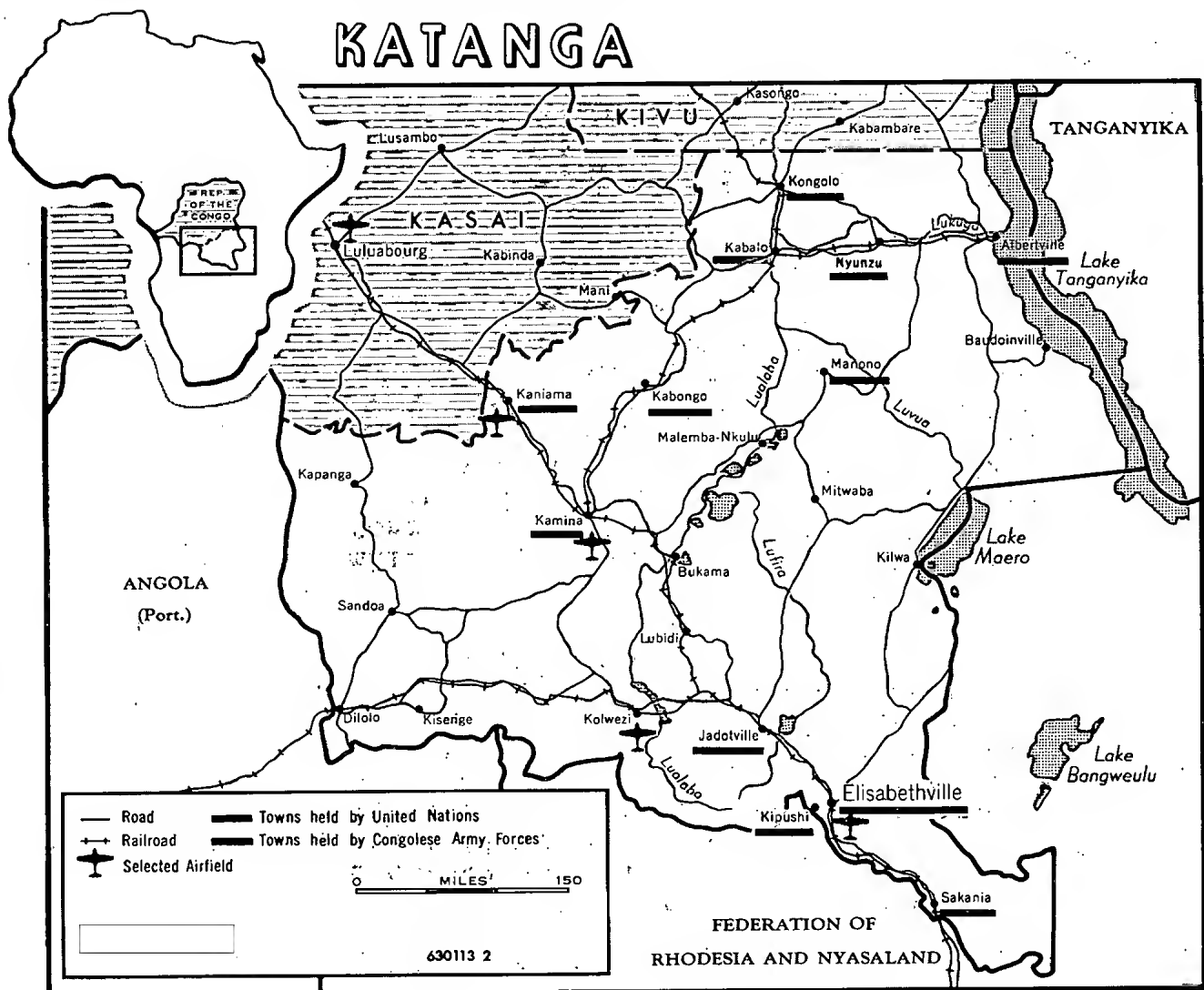


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Congo

a. UN troops have been ordered to go no further than two-thirds of the way toward Kolwezi. They have, in fact, halted just short of the half-way point and do not plan to probe further until so instructed.

b. Meanwhile preparations are underway for a movement in force, hopefully sometime next week. A ship with essential Bailey bridging equipment has arrived in Matadi, and the UN hopes to have it in place over the Lufira River by the end of this week to allow heavier equipment to move up to Jadotville.

c. As it now stands, the UN's military plan will involve moving a force south from Kamina as a feint to pull as many gendarmes as possible in that direction. This will be followed by dropping an Indonesian parachute force at Kolwezi airfield (they want 850 chutes from us) and a thrust along the road from Jadotville by lightly armed troops using assault boats for the several water crossings en route.

d. Before launching its attack, however, the UN will send someone to Kolwezi with an ultimatum for Tshombé.

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e. The latter is becoming increasingly erratic. He apparently fled from Elisabethville because he feared (in this case with good reason) the central government troops might take him in hand.

f. These troops have been arriving in increasing numbers each day. There are at least 100 central government officers and 60 civilians now in Elisabethville. More military personnel are due this week. They are trying--with only minor success so far--to entice gendarmes into the army.

2. Togo

a. Togo army dissidents who staged a coup in Lome this weekend and murdered President Olympio as he sought refuge at our Embassy, were probably motivated largely by tribal antipathies between north and south.

b. We do not believe there was any Ghanaian or other outside complicity at the outset. This may not hold, however, as Nkrumah has long had designs on Togo and against Olympio.

c. The 200-man Togo army is made up predominantly of northern tribesmen--a carry-over from the

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former French regime which considered them better fighters. In addition to poor pay, they have resented domination of the country by the immensely popular Olympio and the southern tribes.

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Although Meatchi has in the past opposed close ties with Ghana, we suspect he has been subverted by Nkrumah.

e. The new government, if it sticks, will be more neutralist than Olympio's, but a period of turmoil is in store. Olympio was the only Togolese leader who could command a wide national following.

f. France is committed to come to Togo's defense if asked

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but so far Paris considers it an internal matter and will not move unless Ghana does.

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g. So far Ghana has done no more than seal the border and alert its forces in the area. [REDACTED]

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3. Cuba

a. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Saturday's press reports of an attempt to kill Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, which were subsequently denied in Havana, were floated to obscure the facts.

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b. The Simferopol, which we believe to be carrying military cargo, [REDACTED] should reach Cuba by the middle of this week.

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c. Cuba could have received one or more midget submarines from the USSR. [REDACTED] one was spotted on 4 October in a Leningrad dock area normally reserved for cargoes for Cuba.

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d. [REDACTED]

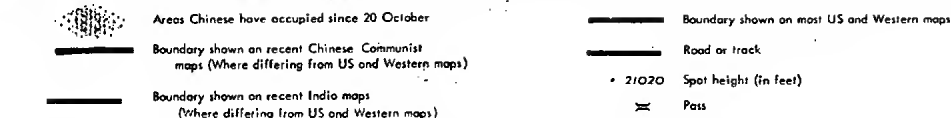
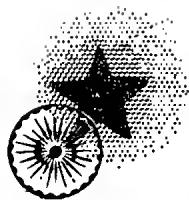
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[REDACTED] Soviet midget submarines, useful chiefly for harbor and coast defense, have no more than a 25-mile operational radius.

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Chinese-proposed Demilitarized Zone--based on November 1959 "Line of Actual Control"--shown in Peiping's People's Daily of 11 November 1962

4. Sino-Indian
Border

a. Peiping has announced that Chinese withdrawals would resume on 14 and 15 January "along the entire Sino-Indian border." We have noted none since the end of December.

b. The Chinese claim this will place their forces entirely behind "the line of actual control of November 1959," the line they have proposed as a basis for a continuing cease-fire.

c. In New Delhi, government officials are making equivocal statements about the Colombo conference proposals

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d. Foreign Secretary Desai told us Friday that the proposals Mme. Bandaranaike brought from Peiping were nothing more than Peiping's own proposals of 30 December, which Nehru rejected on 1 January. Nonetheless we tend to believe that, one way or another, direct talks with the Chinese will be resumed before long.

e. Pakistani officials still suspect, while preparing to resume talks on Kashmir, that Nehru hopes to return to his former relationship with China and, without meanwhile concluding an agreement on Kashmir, then confront Pakistan with vastly increased military strength.

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5. Soviet Bloc

a. Khrushchev arrives in East Germany today and the East German party congress opens tomorrow. Whatever is done about China, we think the occasion will be used to drum Albania formally out of the ranks (CEMA, Warsaw Pact, etc.).

b. Peiping has again named Wu Hsiu-chuan, a minor central committee member, to head the Chinese delegation and defend the faith as he did last fall at three earlier East European party congresses.

c. On the eve of the congress, Ulbricht ousted, Karl Mewis, chairman of his State Planning Commission. Mewis will be a convenient scapegoat for the country's economic troubles.

6. Italy

a. Prime Minister Fanfani, while here this week, plans to make a strong pitch for some form of bilateral arrangement involving Polaris subs. His interest is in preserving the preferred status in relation to non-nuclear powers which Italy enjoyed by its acceptance of the Jupiters.

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A. Haiti President Duvalier's chief of staff is said to be planning to throw the President out if poor health and the country's financial crisis do not force his resignation soon.

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B. West New Guinea Indonesia is trying to foment demonstrations in West New Guinea calling for immediate union with Indonesia.

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D. Syria-Jordan Syria's border with Lebanon has been closed in the wake of week-end riots in the area apparently generated by Cairo-sponsored subversives infiltrated from Lebanon. Observers report a tense atmosphere beneath a surface calm in both capitals.